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Burning Ban Lifted Within the Ouachita and Ozark-St. Francis National Forests

The burning ban issued for the Ouachita and Ozark-St. Francis National Forests earlier this week was lifted today, Friday, October 8, 2004, due to significant rainfall across the forests over the past two days.

“Although the burn ban has been lifted, we ask that the public continue to exercise caution when using campfires or charcoal grills within the National Forests,” Ouachita National Forest Supervisor Alan Newman said.

“The increased rain has reduced the fire danger significantly, but forest visitors should continue to be careful with fire in the forests,” Ozark-St. Francis National Forest Supervisor Charles Richmond said.

If you suspect a wildfire, please notify the Arkansas/Oklahoma Interagency Coordination Center by calling 501-321-5232, or toll-free 1-888-256-8167.

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